

AUTHORITY FOR OUR STATEMENT

There seems to be considerable uncertainty in regard to whether or not the three year homestead law has passed the house of representatives. The statement in these columns recently to the effect that the bill had passed was based on a dispatch printed in the Denver papers. Others have told us that they saw the same dispatch in the Albuquerque papers. Earl Scott says the contest clerk in the land office at Santa Fe told him Wednesday that the president had signed the bill.

In any event, homesteaders may feel assured that if the bill is not now a law it will become a law very shortly, as there is no opposition in any quarter to the main provisions of the bill. All disagreements and arguments have been over minor details.

In this connection, we made a slight mistake a few days ago in saying that homesteaders who had taken advantage of the special leave of absence law must be back on their claims by April 1st. We quoted this from memory, and find upon looking it up that the date is April 15th.

MISS HANCOCK HAS CLOSE CALL

Miss Maud Hancock of Santa Fe, New Mexico, came near choking to death recently. She attempted to swallow a very large capsule containing medicine. The capsule turned crosswise in her throat, filling the passage and but for the hurry-up services of a physician, death would have been certain and speedy.—Neoga (Ill.) News.

JARED HARRIS DIED MAR. 15

Word has been received here of the death of Jared A. Harris at St. Louis, Missouri, on March 15. Eight years ago Mr. Harris was a resident of Estancia, having been in business here with his brother-in-law, William Gregg. Later the family removed to Bisbee, Arizona, and about a year ago to Alamosa, Colorado. A few weeks ago, Mr. Harris was taken back to the old home in Missouri that he might see the remaining members of the family before death.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. **Hall's Catarrh Cure**, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free sent by Druggists. **Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.**

FLOODS PLAYING HAVOC IN STATES

Floods are playing havoc in the Mississippi valley. Following is a summary of the record:

Seven thousand persons homeless.

Eight thousand persons have fled from flood threatened homes.

Eight persons drowned.

Property loss will run into millions.

Ten states affected.

State and federal governments hurrying help to afflicted.

Nine thousand acres of manufacturing district of Cairo, Illinois, under water.

Future City and Urbandale, outlying home sections of Cairo, with combined population of 1,100, flooded.

Hickman, Ky., business district and part of home section flooded.

Columbus, Ky., flooded, depriving 1,000 persons of homes.

Memphis, Tenn., 1,200 driven from homes by the water.

New Madrid, Missouri, eight hundred homeless.

Dorena, Mo., seven hundred homeless.

Eight thousand persons fleeing from flood threatened homes in towns between Hickman, Ky., and Helena Ark.

FALL URGES ACTION

Santa Fe, N. M., April 4.—Both houses of the legislature resumed their sessions at 3 o'clock this afternoon after being in recess since last Friday. No important business is likely to be transacted until next Tuesday, when the house bribery investigation committee is expected to report. Much doubt is expressed whether the legislature can legally elect a United States senator to succeed Senator A. B. Fall before the session next January, and a strong sentiment is developing in favor of rushing through a senatorial preference primary law within party limits.

The members of the legislature at noon today received telegrams from Senator A. B. Fall stating that it was customary for the same legislature immediately to re-elect the senator drawing the short term, and asking that a joint session be held at once and that he be re-elected.

Friends of Senator Fall state that he expects to leave Washington as soon as possible and return to New Mexico. The telegram which was received here today came to Democrats as well as Republicans.

That the present session can elect a senator to take office at the expiration of the short term in 1913 is the assertion made by prominent members of the legislature who are attorneys and by members of the bar.

All Too Frequent Mistake.
The soul is intended to guide the body in the journey through life; the chief mistake which man makes is that he permits the body to guide the soul.—London Truth.

ARE WORKING ON AUTO ROAD

From Albuquerque Herald:

As a result of letters written by F. B. Schwenker of this city to various points along the automobile route between here and Roswell, the active operation of numerous boosters has been secured and all the intermediate towns will do their best to make the trade and good roads excursion a success. - R. C. Dillon of G. W. Bond and Brother's store at Encino is especially active in behalf of the proposition at that point and others are also working at Estancia and elsewhere. The following letter received from Mr. Dillon shows what is doing:

Mr. F. B. Schwenker,
Albuquerque, N. M.
Dear Mr. Schwenker—

I have just been successful in getting two teams started on the road this morning, to make a new road from Negra west to Lucy. The road will go in on the section line this side of Lucy, and come along the track for two or three miles, then leave the track to the south, and come as straight as we can to Negra, and will be a new road. It might be a little heavy at first but there will be no high centers, and it will be a lot closer than the road that comes along the railroad. With a little travel over it, it will be fine. I have signboards along the road telling the miles to Encino, and there will not be any chance of losing the way.

I also received a letter from Mr. Meyer at Estancia saying that they were working the road from Estancia over the Salt Lake country, and with this done we will have a fine road. The road from Encino to Vaughn is good, so this ought to be the best way to travel in an auto. Hoping that things will be in good shape for the trip, as I am doing all that I can to have the road in good shape.

Yours very truly,
R. C. DILLON.

ROAD WORK IN PROGRESS

J. B. Woods has found some men to work on the roads, and is busy with the auto highway between here and Lucia. The route selected for this highway runs directly east from Estancia six miles, thence east following the old trail across the old John Morris ranch to a point eight miles directly north of Lucia and straight south to Lucia. From Lucia the route lies over the mesa to Dunmoor, thence via Encino to Vaughn, connecting with the Roswell auto road at the latter place.

Mr. Woods says that this is a fine road all the way, needing but little work to make it a fine auto road. Also the road from here to Stanley needs scarcely any work, and thence to Santa Fe a very little work will make a splendid road.

NEW DISCOVERY IN MANZANOS

J. T. McMullen reports the discovery of a cave in the Manzano mountains almost directly west of Estancia, which, when fully explored may prove to be a discovery of great interest.

The opening is on the south side of a very deep canyon between the Torreon and Manzano grants, and it is large enough for a man to enter erect. The opening is in a place rather difficult of approach, however, and so situated that it might have remained undiscovered indefinitely but for the circumstance that Mr. McMullen's dogs trailed a fox into the cave. He says he has passed up and down the gorge frequently in his hunting excursions, and never before noticed it. The discovery was made on New Year day.

Mr. McMullen entered the cave, and passed from the outer cavern into a second chamber through a passage in which a man could walk erect, and into a third through a smaller passage that was just large enough for him to squeeze through.

The floors of the caverns and galleys slope upward rather sharply.

Mr. McMullen had no means of making a light except matches, and of course made but an imperfect examination of the caverns, but he found in the outer one evidences of occupation by man, including a leveling up by means of logs, apparently for a sleeping place, three walking sticks, and some charcoal marks and drawings on the walls.

A MILLION FOR ROADS

Santa Fe, N. M., April 3—Advocating a bond issue of one million dollars for building good roads in New Mexico, Col. D. K. B. Sellers, mayor elect of Albuquerque, arrived here at noon today and at once began a canvass of the delegates to the state good roads convention which will meet tonight in the hall of the house of representatives.

"Colorado has a bond issue of three million dollars, California five million dollars, and other western states large issues for the purpose," said Albuquerque's new mayor. "New Mexico should at once get into the game. "We want not only good roads but we want to build our part of the trans-continental route between now and 1915 when two big expositions will be held on the Pacific coast. During this time New Mexico should become the mecca of trans-continental tours and good roads are the first requisite. The surest way to interest wealthy people in New Mexico is to get them to travel through the state in automobiles. Good roads will also develop the state faster than railroads for they will bring into use the auto truck between the larger towns and the outlying districts where branch railroads are not possible."

ANDREWS' HAT IN RING

"I shall be right there on the ground and my friends are urging me to go in to the fight to win," said W. H. Andrews this morning when asked whether or not he would become an active candidate for the United States senate. In view of the fact that Judge A. B. Fall, senator elect, has drawn the short term, which expires in 1913, there has been much public interest in the attitude to be taken by Mr. Andrews, the leading opponent of the two successful senatorial aspirants who were recently elected in Santa Fe. While Mr. Andrews is non-committal, there is little doubt that he will put an aggressive fight to succeed Judge Fall in the senate.

"You must bear in mind," said Mr. Andrews, "that the present legislature does not elect another senator. In next January the next legislature will elect a senator to succeed Judge Fall, whose term expires in March 1913. Next winter is a long ways off and it is a little early to be saying much about what will happen then."

Mr. Andrews refused to commit himself any more specifically, but it is not a random guess that he will be early on the scene, ready to put up a determined fight when the time arrives. His friends declare that he should have the right to a preference when the next senatorial conference comes up because of his action in withdrawing at the last election for the sake of party solidarity, to bring the deadlock to an end and to get two senators in their seats at Washington without delay.—Albuquerque Herald.

Daily Thought.
But the mind never unbends itself so agreeably as in the conversation of a well-chosen friend.—Addison.

Indigestion

causes heartburn, sour stomach, nervousness, nausea, impure blood, and more trouble than many different kinds of diseases. The food you eat ferments in your stomach, and the poisons it forms are absorbed into your whole system, causing many distressing symptoms. At the first sign of indigestion, try

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